

## **Alternative A – No Management Action**

This alternative does not include any further management actions. The conditions as a result of past management in the Little Canyon Mountain area would continue. Natural processes would be the sole driving force in the conditions in this area. Forest stands would be left in current conditions. This includes sizable areas of insect infestation and mortality as well as overstocked and dense forest stands. No Management actions would be implemented to reduce hazardous fuels in the wildland-urban interface of John Day and Canyon City. Conditions would remain and additional fire fuels would accumulate increasing the threat of catastrophic fire on the mountain and to the adjacent towns.

There are no specific design criteria for this alternative. All designs are left to natural processes; i.e. the present management situation would continue including initial fire suppression activities.

This alternative does not address the reduction of hazardous fuels, recovery of any economic value for dead standing timber or fuels treatment bi-products, nor does it address management actions to promote forest health concerns.